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(54) **METHOD FOR CONSISTENT STORAGE OF DATA IN AN INDUSTRIAL CONTROLLER**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and method for employing a file system and file system services on the industrial controller. The file system allows industrial control programs to implement many functions previously performed within the industrial control program and stored in the same memory as the industrial control program. An execution engine is provided that interprets instructions included in an industrial control program. The instructions utilize services in the file system for including user defined routine files loaded from local or remote locations, to load and unload recipe files from local and remote locations, to log and retrieve measured data and trend data to files at local or remote locations, to select different operating systems and to select a running program from a plurality of running programs utilizing the file system.

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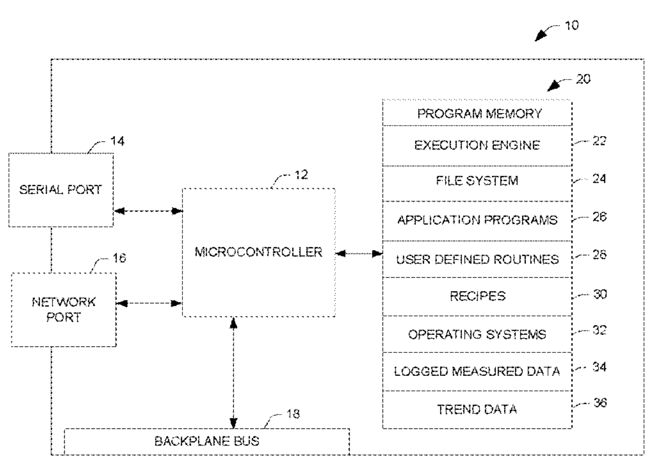

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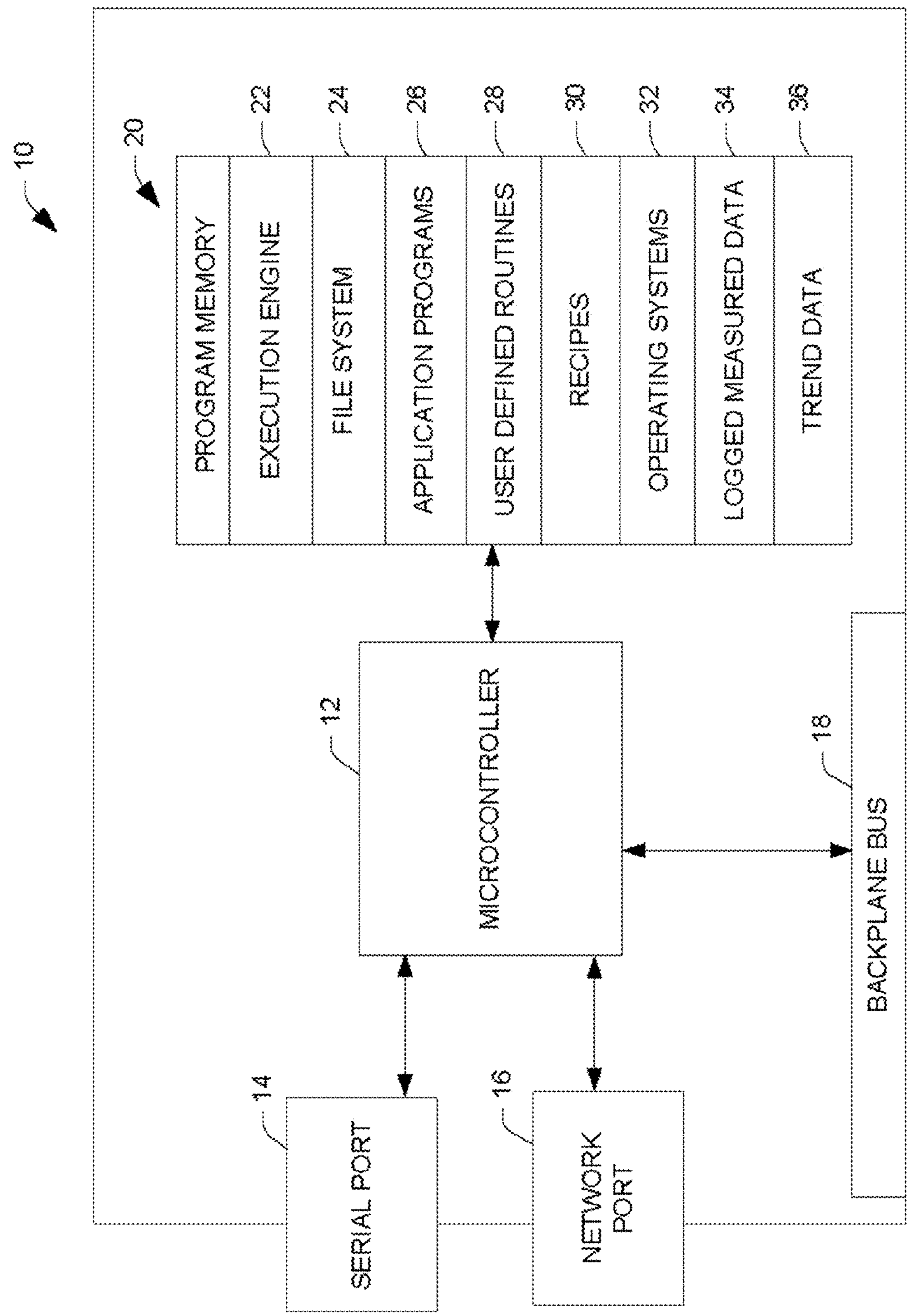
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FIG. 1

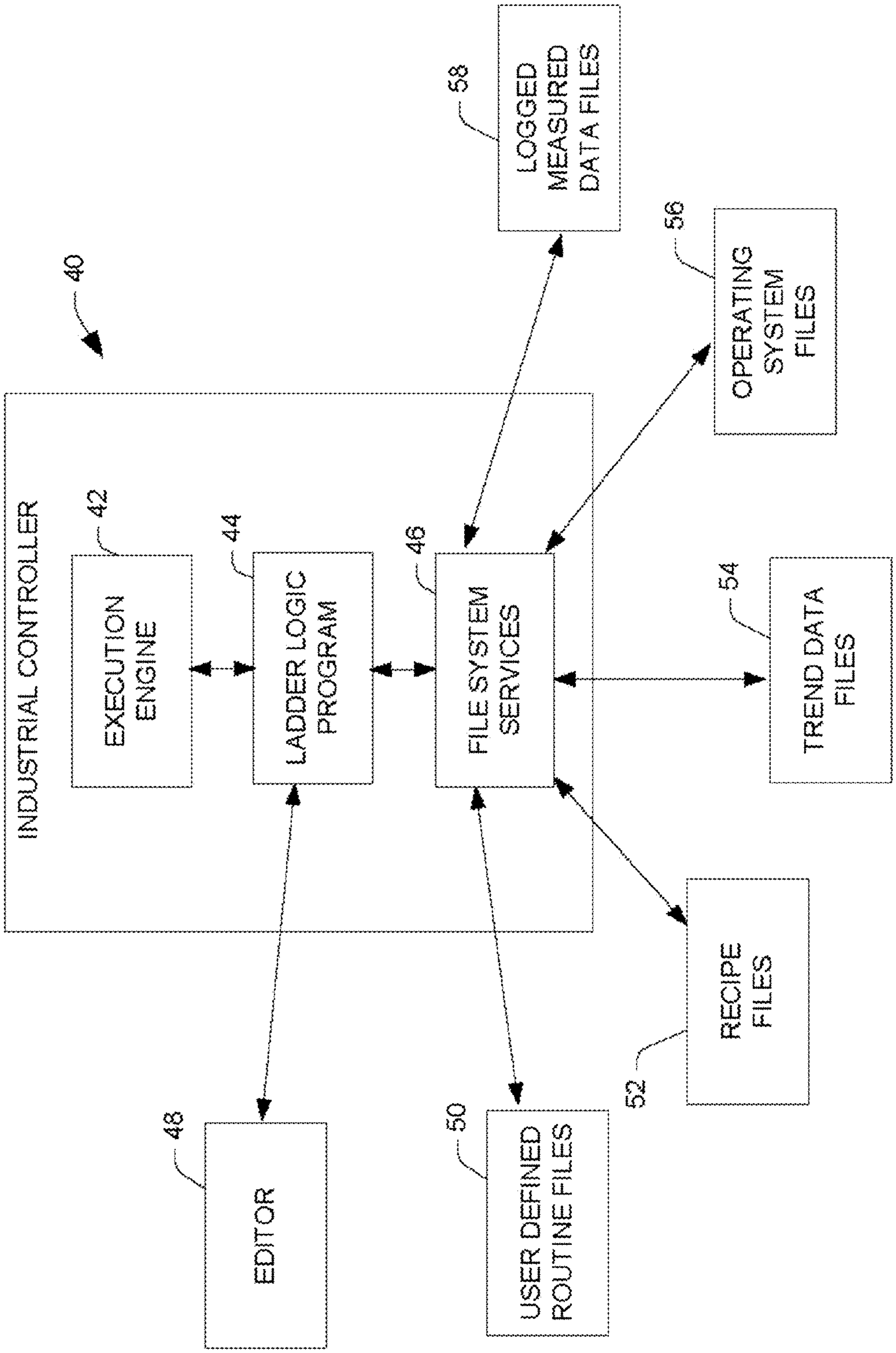
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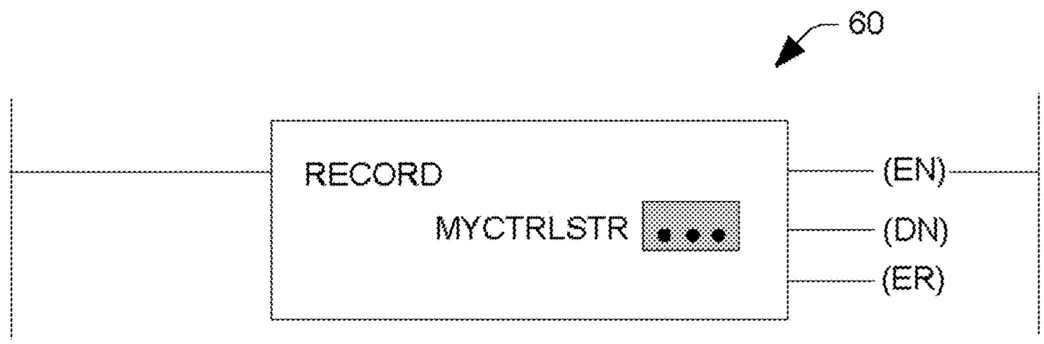
FIG. 2



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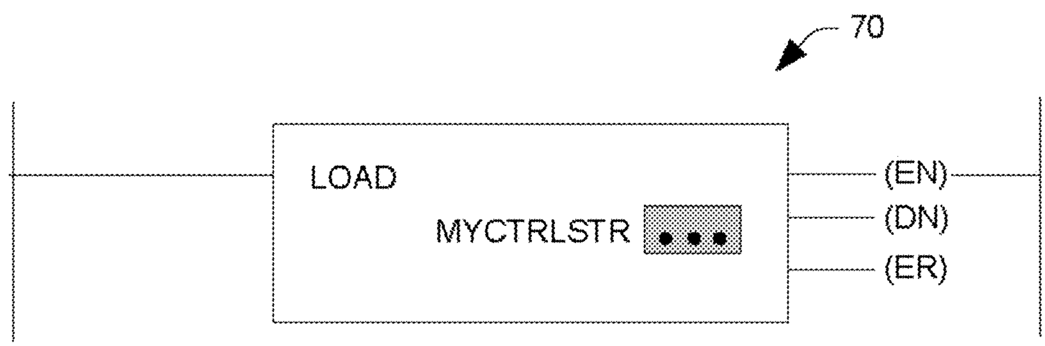

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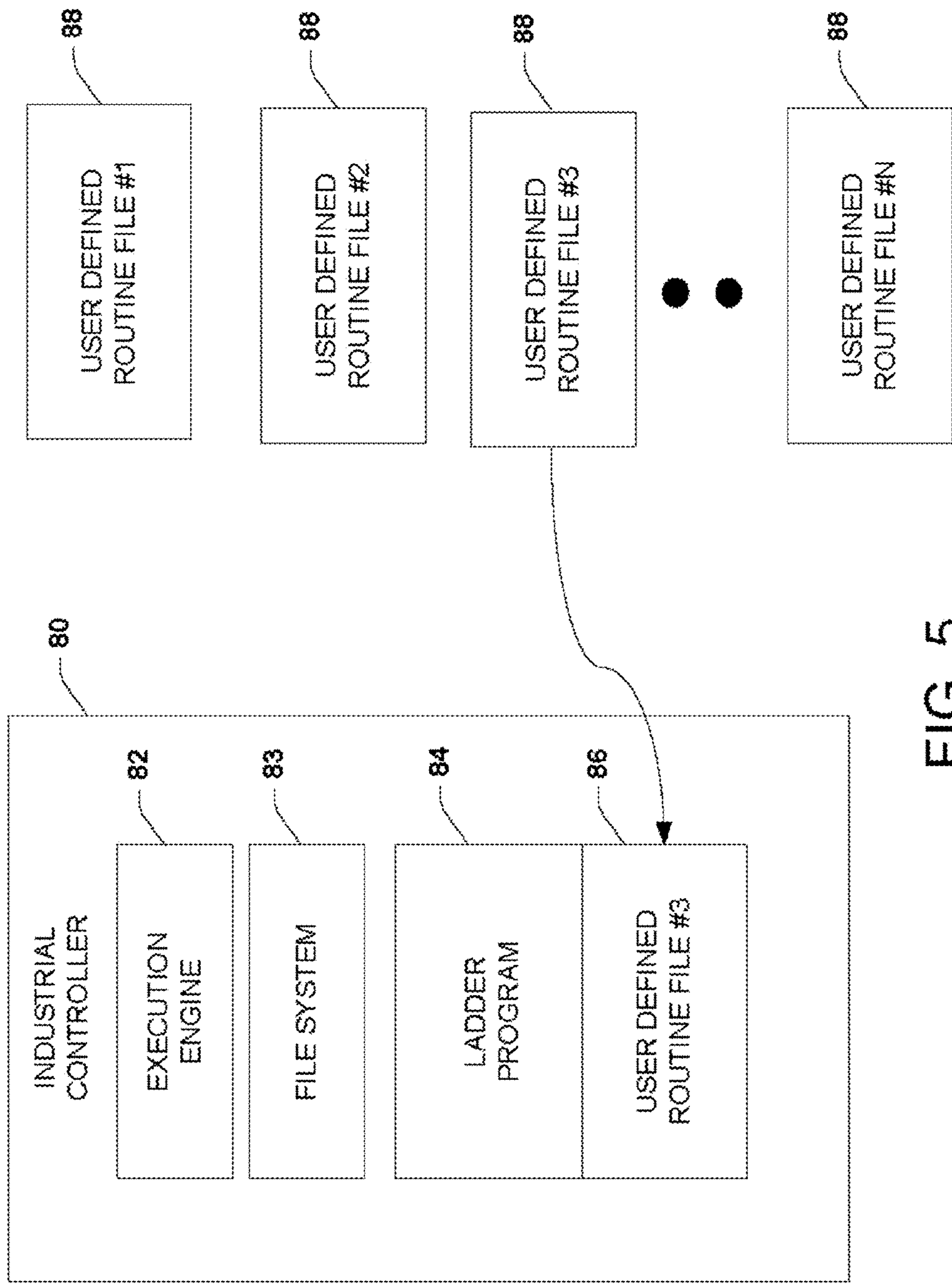
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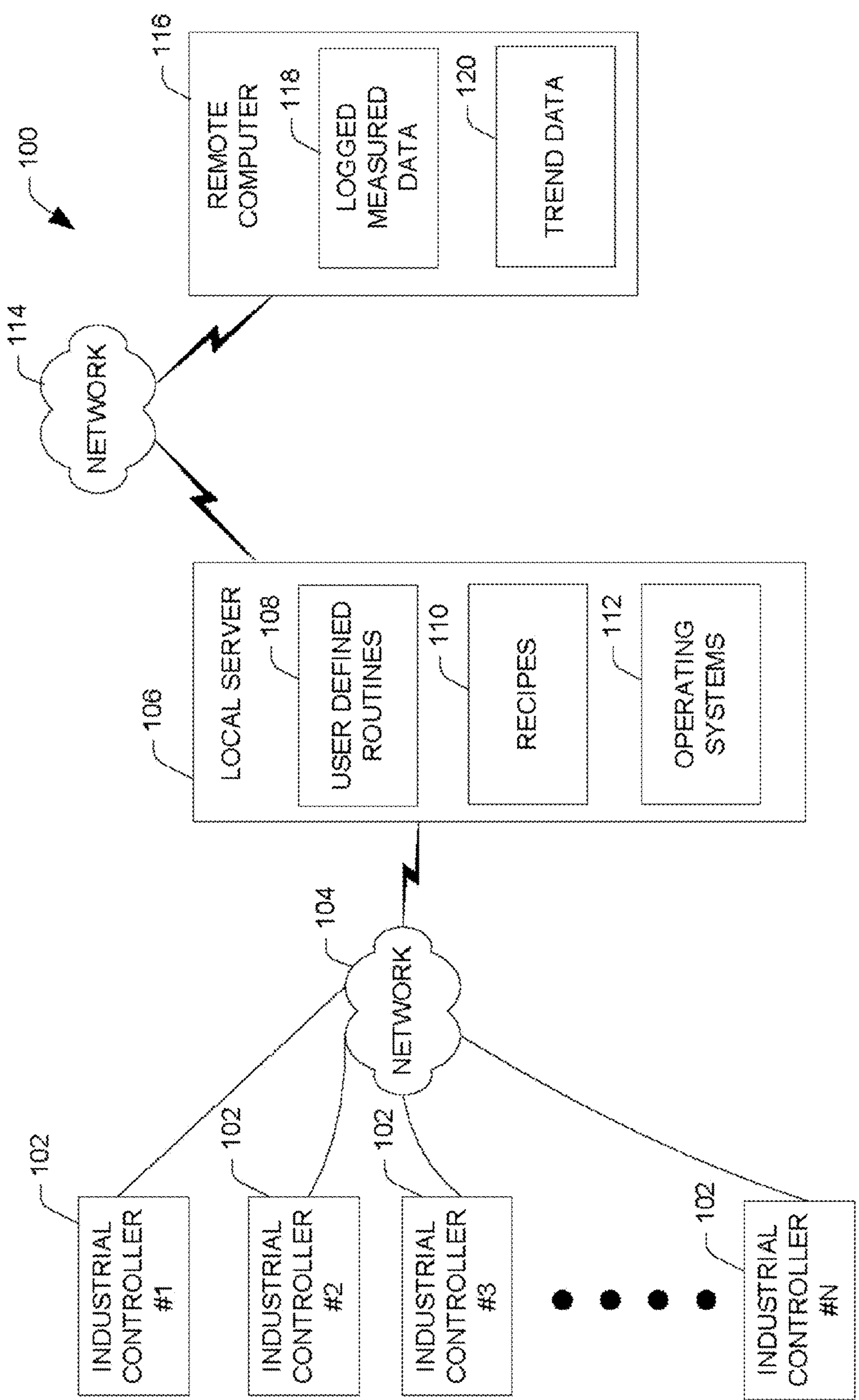
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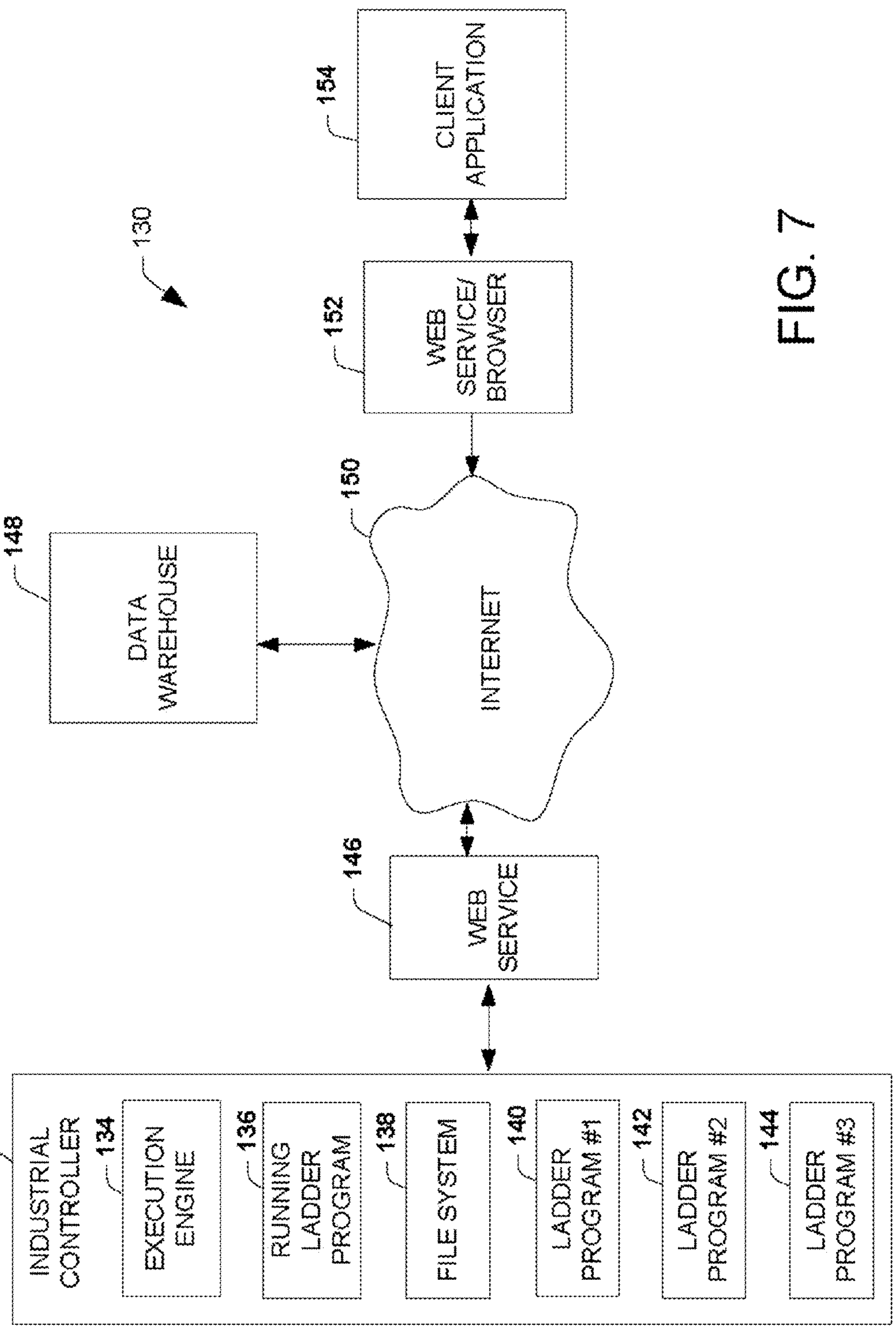
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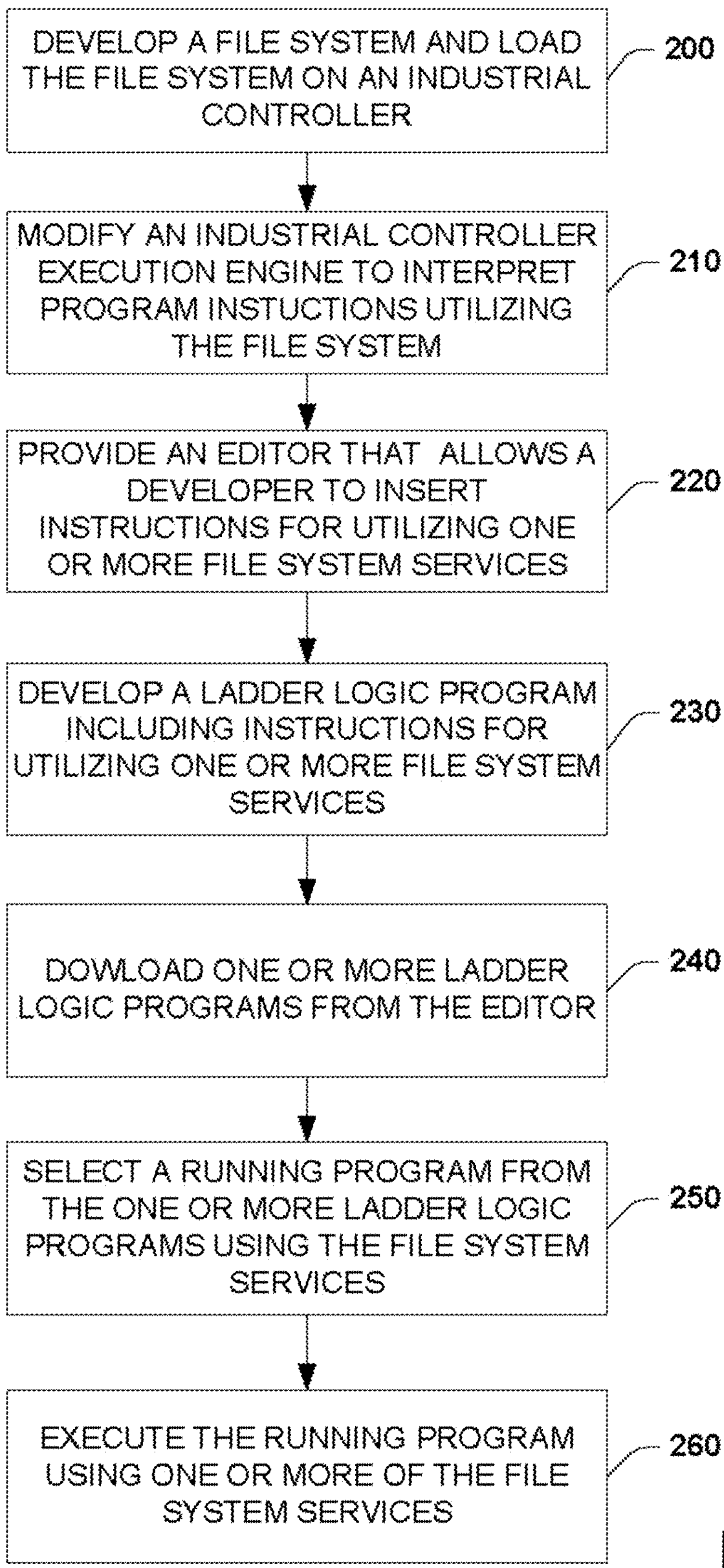
FIG. 7


DEVELOP A FILE SYSTEM AND LOAD THE FILE SYSTEM ON AN INDUSTRIAL CONTROLLER
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MODIFY AN INDUSTRIAL CONTROLLER EXECUTION ENGINE TO INTERPRET PROGRAM INSTUCTIONS UTILIZING THE FILE SYSTEM
210
PROVIDE AN EDITOR THAT ALLOWS A DEVELOPER TO INSERT INSTRUCTIONS FOR UTILIZING ONE OR MORE FILE SYSTEM SERVICES
220
DEVELOP A LADDER LOGIC PROGRAM INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR UTILIZING ONE OR MORE FILE SYSTEM SERVICES
230
DOWLOAD ONE OR MORE LADDER LOGIC PROGRAMS FROM THE EDITOR
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SELECT A RUNNING PROGRAM FROM THE ONE OR MORE LADDER LOGIC PROGRAMS USING THE FILE SYSTEM SERVICES
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EXECUTE THE RUNNING PROGRAM USING ONE OR MORE OF THE FILE SYSTEM SERVICES
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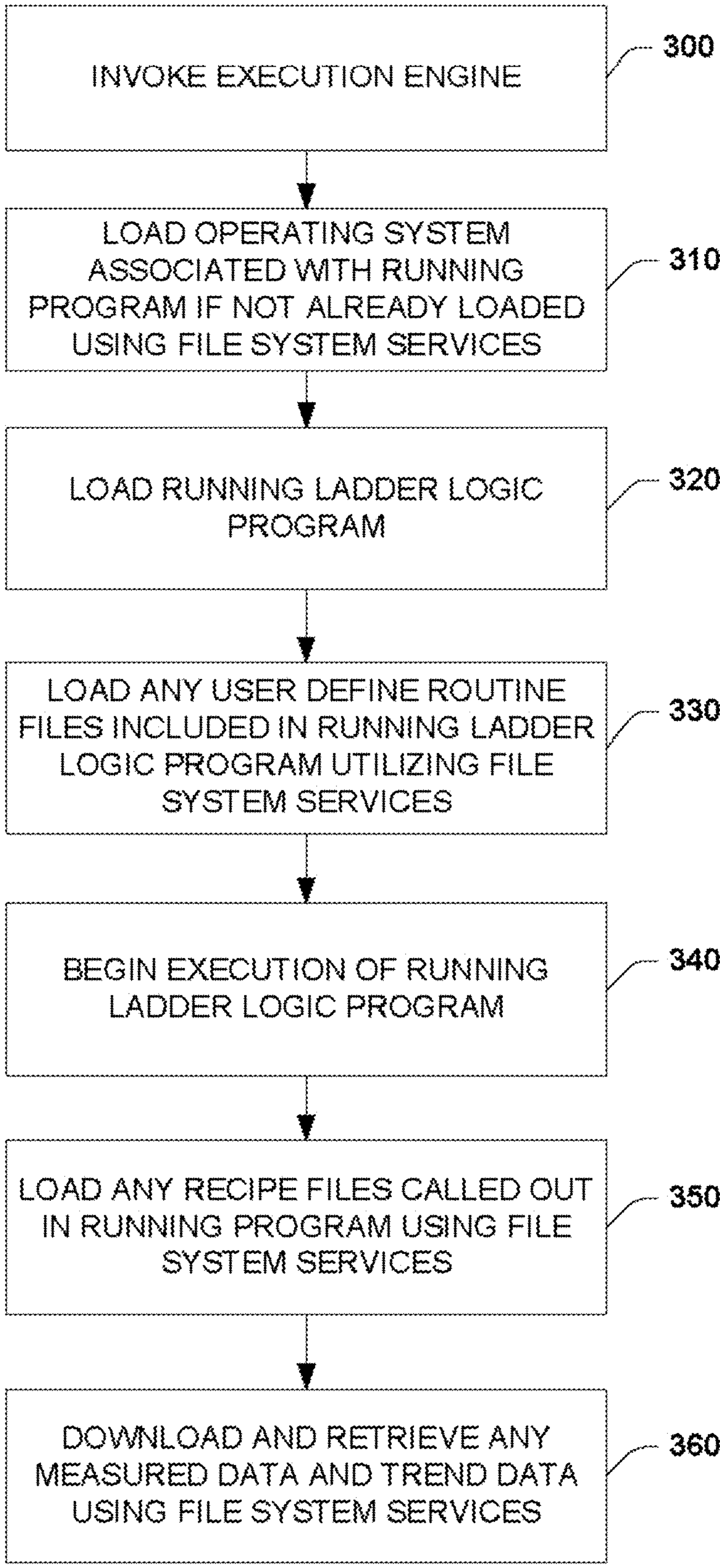
FIG. 8


INVOKE EXECUTION ENGINE
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LOAD RUNNING LADDER LOGIC PROGRAM
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LOAD ANY USER DEFINE ROUTINE FILES INCLUDED IN RUNNING LADDER LOGIC PROGRAM UTILIZING FILE SYSTEM SERVICES
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BEGIN EXECUTION OF RUNNING LADDER LOGIC PROGRAM
340
LOAD ANY RECIPE FILES CALLED OUT IN RUNNING PROGRAM USING FILE SYSTEM SERVICES
350
DOWNLOAD AND RETRIEVE ANY MEASURED DATA AND TREND DATA USING FILE SYSTEM SERVICES
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FIG. 9

METHOD FOR CONSISTENT STORAGE OF DATA IN AN INDUSTRIAL CONTROLLER

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/115,891, filed May 25, 2011, and entitled "METHOD FOR CONSISTENT STORAGE OF DATA IN AN INDUSTRIAL CONTROLLER," which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 11/381,321, filed May 2, 2006, and entitled "METHOD FOR CONSISTENT STORAGE OF DATA IN AN INDUSTRIAL CONTROLLER" (now abandoned), which is a divisional of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/924,230, filed on Aug. 23, 2004, and entitled "METHOD FOR CONSISTENT STORAGE OF DATA IN AN INDUSTRIAL CONTROLLER" (now U.S. Pat. No. 7,065,415), which is a divisional of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/918,177, filed on Jul. 30, 2001, entitled "METHOD FOR CONSISTENT STORAGE OF DATA IN AN INDUSTRIAL CONTROLLER" (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,801,813) The entireties of these applications are incorporated herein by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention generally relates to industrial control systems and in particular to providing a file system on an industrial controller and a system and methods for employing the file system.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Industrial controllers are special purpose computers used for controlling factory automation devices. Under the direction of a stored program, a processor of the industrial controller examines a series of inputs reflecting the status of a controlled process or device and changes outputs affecting control of the controlled process or device. Generally industrial controllers are constructed in modular fashion to accommodate different applications requiring different numbers and types of input/output (I/O) circuits as is determined by the particular device or process being controlled. The stored control program runs in real-time to provide outputs to the controlled process as electrical signals to outputs such as actuators and the like. The outputs are based on the logic of the control program and inputs received from sensors of the controlled process.

The industrial controller or programmed logic controller (PLC) executes a series of operations that are performed sequentially and repeatedly. In general, the series of operations includes an input scan, a program scan and an output scan. During the input scan the PLC examines the on or off state of the external inputs and saves these states temporarily in memory (e.g., a file). During the program scan the PLC scans the instruction of the program and uses the input status to determine if an output will be energized. The output results are then saved to memory (e.g., a file). During the output scan the controller will energize or de-energize the outputs based on the output results stored in memory to control the external devices.

A conventional language for programming the stored program is relay ladder logic. Each ladder logic program comprises one or more ladder logic statements, referred to as rungs or instructions. The ladder logic statements define relationships between an output variable and one or more input variables. Input variables are variables that correspond to signals at input terminals and output variables are variables that correspond to signals at output terminals. In relay ladder logic, the input and output signals may be represented graphically as contact symbols and coil symbols arranged in a series of rungs spanning a pair of vertical power rails. A typical ladder logic statement may indicate that a specific output variable is "on" if and only if a first and a second input is "on".

The ladder logic program not only manipulates single-bit input and output data representing the state of the sensing and operating devices, but also performs arithmetic operations, timing and counting functions and more complex processing operations. A ladder program can be created by connecting a special input module to a PLC that includes a small keyboard and entering ladder logic statements directly into the memory of the PLC. Another method of creating a ladder logic program involves, utilizing a ladder logic program development/editor tool residing on a separate device, such as a personal computer. An operator or programmer of the personal computer draws a series of ladder logic graphs representing each rung or instruction directly on the computer display screen. Once the ladder logic program is complete, the PC software converts the graphs into the corresponding ladder logic commands. The ladder logic command are then transferred to the PLC and stored in the PLC memory.

A PLC and/or a personal computer device can store one or more ladder logic programs and versions. However, a user must manually upload and download ladder logic programs at a work station or personal computer running a developer/editor application program. The current program running on the industrial controller can only be selected and/or changed by the editor. Data backup, storage and trend data is invoked through an application program and stored on a RAM residing on the industrial controller. The size of the RAM is limited and can eventually overload. An operator must periodically upload the data to remove it from the industrial controller memory to avoid overloading. Additionally, a program may include different profiles (e.g., different recipes) and associated parameters regarding particular implementations of a process. Conventionally, these different profiles are stored in huge dimensional arrays within the application program utilizing the memory of the industrial controller.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The following presents a simplified summary of the invention in order to provide a basic understanding of some aspects of the invention. This summary is not an extensive overview of the invention. It is intended to neither identify key or critical elements of the invention nor delineate the scope of the invention. Its sole purpose is to present some concepts of the invention in a simplified form as a prelude to the more detailed description that is presented later.

The present invention provides a system and method for providing a file system on an industrial controller. The file system allows industrial control programs to implement many functions previously performed within the industrial control program and stored in the same memory as the industrial control program. An execution engine is adapted to interpret new instructions that invoke the services of the file system. An editor is also provided that allows a user to include instructions interpretable by the execution engine employing services of the file system. The execution engine, the file system and the running industrial control program (e.g., ladder logic program) provide the functionality for loading user defined routine files at run-time from any file location, such as a memory device residing on the industrial controller, on a local server or at a remote location. Additionally, recipe files can be loaded and unloaded at real-time. A recipe file is a profile and the associated parameters regarding a particular implementation of a process (e.g., different paint types, different cookie types). The recipe files can reside on a memory device residing on the industrial controller, on a local server or at a remote location.

The execution engine also interprets instructions in the running industrial control program for logging measured data and trend data to a file at a memory device residing on the industrial controller, on a local server or at a remote location automation using the file system services. The file system services can also be employed to retrieve the measured data and trend data. The file system services allow selection of a running program from a plurality of application programs residing on the industrial controller. The selection can be invoked by sending a communication command from a remote or local location. Additionally, one or more operating systems can be provided in one or more files and a particular operating system selected to execute on the industrial controller corresponding to the development of the running industrial control program. The operating system can be stored as a file along with the industrial control program or the user defined routines. Multiple versions of the operating system can be stored to provide a "dual boot" situation.

The following description and the annexed drawings set forth in detail certain illustrative aspects of the invention. These aspects are indicative, however, of but a few of the various ways in which the principles of the invention may be employed. Other advantages and novel features of the invention will become apparent from the following detailed description of the invention when considered in conjunction with the drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. **1** illustrates a block schematic diagram of an industrial controller employing a file system in accordance with one aspect of the present invention.

FIG. **2** illustrates a block diagram of an industrial controller employing a file system to access files remote from the industrial controller in accordance with one aspect of the present invention.

FIG. **3** illustrates an example of a record instruction for implementing into a ladder logic program in accordance with one aspect of the present invention.

FIG. **4** illustrates an example of a load instruction for implementing into a ladder logic program in accordance with one aspect of the present invention.

FIG. **5** illustrates a block diagram of an industrial controller loading a user defined routine file in accordance with one aspect of the present invention.

FIG. **6** illustrates a block schematic diagram of an industrial controller interacting with a remote and a local server in accordance with one aspect of the present invention.

FIG. **7** illustrates a block schematic diagram of a client application accessing the industrial controller via the Internet in accordance with one aspect of the present invention.

FIG. **8** illustrates a flow diagram of a methodology for providing an industrial controller with the functionality associated with utilizing a file system in accordance with one aspect of the present invention.

FIG. **9** illustrates a flow diagram of a methodology for executing an industrial control program utilizing a file system in accordance with one aspect of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention will now be described with reference to the drawings. The present invention will be described with reference to a system and method for employing a file system and file system services on an industrial controller. An execution engine is provided that interprets instructions included in an industrial control program. The instructions utilize services in the file system for including user defined routine files loaded from local or remote locations, to load and unload recipe files from local and remote locations, to log and retrieve measured data and trend data to files at local or remote locations, to select different operating systems and to select a running program from a plurality of running programs utilizing the file system. It is to be appreciated that a number of other functions and services can be employed utilizing the services of the file system in accordance with the present invention. Although the present examples will be illustrated with respect to an implementation using ladder logic programs, other industrial control programming languages can be employed and still fall within the scope of the present invention and appended claims.

The present invention provides a system for multiple files on a single device. The file system provides a common interface for all non-volatile storage devices, such as CompactFlash cards, Windows CE platforms and hard drives that access the file system through a set of common services, such as Get File Information, Read File, Write File, Create File, Delete File, Open File, Close File, etc. The present invention provides for multiple types of data to be stored such as user programs, data logging, recipe storage, operating system updates and program transfers. The present invention supports lean manufacturing by allowing quick reconfiguring of manufacturing environments, allowing user's to load a specific application into the controller "on demand" without downloading from programming software and allows user's to purchase smaller memory processors.

FIG. **1** illustrates an industrial controller **10** having a file system **24** stored in a program memory **20**. The file system **24** can be accessed through a set of common file services. For example, the set of common file services can include services such as Get File Information, Read File, Write File, Create File, Delete File, Open File, Close File, etc. The file system **24** can include a file manager that includes functions for managing the files, such as moving, deleting and copying files. An application program residing on the industrial controller can utilize the file system to perform a variety of functions previously performed within the application program or through an editor. The industrial controller **10** includes a serial port **14** and a network port **16** both coupled to a microcontroller **12**. The serial port **14** and network port **16** provides a communication link to remote devices. The microcontroller **12** is also coupled to a backplane bus **18** for providing instructions and receiving inputs from I/O modules. The program memory **20** provides the microcontroller **12** with the execution code necessary to communicate to other devices through the serial port **14**, the network port **16** and the backplane bus **18**. The program memory also includes the algorithms and calculations necessary for the particular process that the industrial controller is controlling.

The program memory **20** includes an execution engine **22** that performs the main initialization routines of the industrial controller **10** and other devices that the industrial controller **10** communicates with and controls. The execution engine **22** is also the main interface to remote devices. The execution engine in cooperation with a file system **24** allows remote devices to select a particular application program to execute from amongst a plurality of application programs **26**. The execution engine **22** is adapted to interpret instructions supplied by the application program including instructions that perform access to one or more files services in the file system

24. Typically, these instructions are written by an editor in ladder logic, which is then converted to programmable logic controller (PLC) instruction code.

The application programs **26** can employ the file system **24** to perform a variety of functions previously performed within the application programs. For example, one or more user defined routine files **28** can be loaded or linked at runtime by including a file system service command within the application program. The user defined routine files **28** can be one or more libraries, such as a math library or a communication library. Additionally, one or more recipe files **30** can be loaded through the application program employing a file system service. A recipe file is a profile and associated parameters regarding a particular implementation or process. For example, one recipe can be for mixing ingredients for a certain type of paint (e.g., water based paint), while another recipe can be for a different type of paint (e.g., oil based paint). Different recipes can be loaded upon a change in one or more parameters during execution of the application program. Using new instructions, recipes can be loaded and recorded to and from non-volatile memory as a file. A new recipe can be loaded into the same memory space as the previous recipe to save RAM space. Since the user defined routine files **28** and the recipe files **30** are stored in separate files from the application program, the user defined routine files **28** and the recipe files **30** can be stored in a different memory device than the executing application program. The different memory device or devices can reside on the controller **10** or on a remote device, thus reducing the size of the memory that needs to reside on the controller **10**. The execution engine **22** is adapted to load the user define routine files and the recipe files upon receipt of a proper instruction from an executing application program.

The program memory **20** can also include one or more operating system files **32**. For example, one application may be developed on a first operating system platform and another application program may be developed on a second operating system platform. The different application programs may not operate correctly or optimally on different operating system platforms. The basic services of the operating system is provided in one or more files. Therefore, when an application program is saved, a copy of the operating system can be saved along with the application program. The operating system and application program can be loaded together when moving an application program from one industrial controller to another to assure compatibility of the operating system and the executing application program running on the controller. The execution engine **22** or the application program can invoke the proper operating system for execution of the application program. The different operating system files **32** can reside on a separate memory device from the application programs at a local or remote location with respect to the industrial controller **10**.

Another function that application programs perform utilizing services of the file system **24** is data logging and data retrieval. For example, logged measured data **34** and trend data **36** each can be logged in one or more files. Logged measure data can include continuous temperature measurements that were conventionally stored in the same RAM that the application program was executing. Trend data includes monitoring differences (e.g., temperature differences) over time. Eventually, the capacity of the RAM is reached and no new temperature data can be stored in the RAM. However, the present invention eliminates this problem by storing the temperature data to a file that can be located on another memory device at a local or remote location. The one or more files can be stored in a separate memory device from the memory on which the application program executes. The separate memory device can reside at a remote location, such that data can be stored at one or more locations over a network. The data can also be accessed by the application program through the file system services **24**. The execution engine **22** interprets the appropriate logging and retrieval instruction from the application program and calls one or more functions within the file system **24** to perform the requested data logging and retrieval.

Referring to FIG. **2**, an industrial controller **40** includes an execution engine **42**, a ladder logic program **44** and a plurality of file system services **46**. The execution engine **42** is adapted to interpret instructions within the ladder logic program **44** including instructions that perform access to one or more files system services **46**. The ladder logic program **44** uses one or more services to access user defined routine files **50**, recipe files **52** and operating system files **56**. The ladder logic program **44** also employs one or more file system services **46** to log and access trend data files **54** and measured data files **58**. The ladder logic program **44** and the file system services **46** reside and execute on a random access memory (RAM) residing on the industrial controller **40**. The user defined routine files **50**, the recipe files **52** and the operating system files **56** reside at a separate memory location from the RAM of the industrial controller **40**. The ladder logic file **44** employs the file system services **46** to load one or more user defined routine files **50**, a particular recipe file **52** having parameters associated with the particular implementation of the process to be performed and an operating system file **56** if the application program was developed under a different operating system that the one currently being used. The one or more loaded user defined routine files **50**, the particular loaded recipe file **52** and the loaded operating system file **56** are then loaded into the RAM for execution. During execution of the ladder logic program **44**, measured data and trend data can be stored in one or more measured data files **58** and one or more trend data files **54**.

An editor **48** is provided that allows a user to develop, load, unload, edit or delete one or more ladder logic programs to the industrial controller **40**. The editor **48** is adapted to allow a user to insert and edit instructions for employing one or more file system services **46**. The editor **48** includes instructions for including one or more user defined routine files **50**, for including an operating system file from amongst one or more operating system files **56** and for including one or more recipe files **52** in the ladder logic program **44**. The editor **48** is also adapted to allow a user to insert and edit instructions for logging and retrieval of measurement data **58** and trend data **54** in the ladder logic instructions. The editor **48** can then convert the instructions in the ladder logic into instructions understandable and executable by the execution engine **42**. Optionally, an operating system file corresponding to development of the ladder logic program can be saved along with the ladder logic program and loaded onto the industrial controller **40** to assure the executing program and the operating system of the industrial controller are compatible.

As stated above, an editor is provided with a plurality of available instructions for utilizing the file system in accordance with the present invention. FIG. **3** illustrates an example of a ladder data record instruction **60** in accordance with an aspect of the present invention. The ladder data record instruction **60** can be inserted into a ladder logic program during program development. On a rung transition, the record instruction can open a connection to a target storage file manager object and file and append the specified data record to the data already in the file. The variables associated with the record instruction include a pointer to the data to send, the size of the data, the path to the file manager or managers, which file manager and the specific file to append the specified data record. FIG. **4** illustrates a ladder data load instruction **70** in accordance with an aspect of the present invention. The ladder data load instruction **70** can be inserted into a ladder logic program during program development. On a rung transition, the load instruction can open a connection to a target storage file manager object and file and load the specified data record to the specified location. The variables associated with the record instruction include a pointer to the location to fill, the size of the data, the path to the file manager or managers, which file manager and the specific file containing the specified data record.

FIG. **5** illustrates an industrial controller including an execution engine **82**, a ladder program **84** and a user defined file **86**. Upon invocation of an execute command received by the execution engine **82**, the execution engine **82** loads the ladder program **84** into random access memory (RAM), while scanning the program for any header commands specifying one or more user defined files **88** to include in the execution of the ladder program **84**. The execution engine then loads a copy **86** of the user defined file **86** into the same memory location as the ladder program **84**. In the present example, the execution engine selects user defined file #**3** from a plurality of user defined files **88** labeled 1–N. Once the user defined files are loaded into the same memory location as the ladder program **84**, the ladder program **84** can be executed. It is to be appreciated that more than one user defined file can be included within the ladder program **84**.

FIG. **6** illustrates a system **100** including a plurality of industrial controllers **102** that each implements a file system in accordance with one aspect of the present invention. One or more user defined routine files **108**, one or more recipe files **110** and one or more operating system files **112** reside on a local server **106**. The local server **106** is coupled to one or more industrial controllers **102** through a first network **104** (e.g., local network, factory network). The first network **104** allows each of the one or more controllers **102** access to the user defined files **108**, the recipes **110** and the operating system files **112** through the respective file system residing on the industrial controller **102**. Therefore, the size of the memory needed on the industrial controller **102** is reduced by providing the user defined routines **108**, the recipe files **110** and the operating system files **112** on a separate memory as opposed to residing on the RAM of the industrial controller **102**. Additionally, a single set of user defined files **108**, recipe files **110** and operating system files **112** can be employed by each industrial controller **102**.

A remote computer **116** is coupled to the local server **106** through a second network **114** (e.g., company intranet, Internet). The remote computer **116** provides a medium in which logged measured data **118** and logged trend data **120** can be stored and accessed for each of the industrial controllers **102** at one or more factory locations. Each of the industrial controllers **102** store and access both measured and trend data utilizing a file system residing on a respective controller **102**. Therefore, data can be stored at a remote location automatically instead of in the RAM of the respective controller reducing the size of the memory needed on the industrial controller **102**. Also, a single location for all of the data can be provided so that data can be consolidated, aggregated and analyzed for one or more of the industrial controllers **102**. It is to be appreciated that the logged measured data **118** and the trend data **120** can reside at the local server **106** with the user defined routine files **108**, recipe files **110** and operating system files **112**. Alternatively, the user defined routine files **108**, recipe files **110** and operating system files **112** can reside on the remote computer **116** with the logged measured data **118** and the trend data **120**. In fact any of the user defined routine files **108**, recipe files **110**, operating system files **112**, the logged measured data files **118** and trend data files **120** can reside on any of the RAM of the industrial controller **102**, the local server **106** and the remote computer **116** employing the file system in accordance with the present invention.

FIG. **7** illustrates another example of a possible implementation employing the file system on an industrial controller in accordance with the present invention. A file system **138** resides on an industrial controller **132**. The file system **138** is exposed to a web service **146**, which allows communication to occur over the Internet **150**. The industrial controller **132** includes an execution engine **134** and a running ladder program **136**. The industrial controller **132** also includes a first ladder program **140**, a second ladder program **142** and a third ladder program **144**. A client application **154** is coupled to the Internet **150** via a web service and web browser **152**, so that the client application **154** can communicate to the file system **138** over the Internet **150**. The client application **154** utilize the file system **138** in conjunction with the execution engine **134** in selecting amongst one of the first ladder program **140**, the second ladder program **142** and the third ladder program **144** to provide the running ladder program **136**. The client application **154** can communicate a selection command to the file system **138**, which informs the execution engine **132** the appropriate ladder program to make the running ladder program **136**. The client application **154** can communicate through the Internet **150**, for example, using TCP/IP protocol and invoke any or all of the services associated with the file system of the industrial controller **132** anywhere in the world via an Internet connection.

In the example of FIG. **7**, the running ladder program **136** includes instructions, employing the file system **138** interpreted by the execution engine **134**, for periodically downloading measured and trend data to a third party data warehouse **148** at another location different from the client application **154** and the industrial controller **132**. The measured and trend data can then be stored and analyzed off-site, such that third party auditing and/or outsourcing can be provided. The running ladder program **136** can also access data through the data warehouse **148**, such as measured data to calculate the trend data. It is to be appreciated that the communication for selecting a running ladder program can be through a local server or personal computer and data logging can performed at a local server or personal computer.

In view of the foregoing structural and functional features described above, a methodology in accordance with various aspects of the present invention will be better appreciated with reference to FIGS. **8**-**9**. While, for purposes of simplicity of explanation, the methodologies of FIGS. **8**-**9** is shown and described as executing serially, it is to be understood and appreciated that the present invention is not limited by the illustrated order, as some aspects could, in accordance with the present invention, occur in different orders and/or concurrently with other aspects from that shown and described herein. Moreover, not all illustrated features may be required to implement a methodology in accordance with an aspect the present invention.

FIG. **8** illustrates one particular methodology for providing an industrial controller with the functionality associated with utilizing a file system in accordance with one particular aspect of the present invention. The methodology begins at **200** with the development of a file system adapted to operate on an industrial controller and the loading of the file system onto the industrial controller. An industrial controller execution engine is then modified or developed to interpret program instructions that utilize services of the file system at **210**. A program development editor is then provided that allows a developer to insert instructions for utilizing one or more file system services at **220**. At **230**, a ladder logic program is developed including instructions for utilizing one or more file system services. At **240**, one or more ladder logic programs are downloaded to the industrial controller from the editor. At **250**, a running program is selected from the one or more ladder logic files having one or more instruction utilizing the file system services. The running program is then executed at **260** using one or more of the file system services.

FIG. **9** illustrates one particular methodology for executing an industrial control program utilizing a file system in accordance with one particular aspect of the present invention. The methodology begins at **300** with invocation of an execution engine. At **310**, an operating system is loaded associated with the selected running program if the appropriate operating system is not loaded using the file system services. At **320**, the running ladder logic program is loaded. At **330**, any user defined routine files included in the running ladder logic program file are loaded utilizing the file system services. At **340**, execution of the running ladder logic program begins. Any recipe files called out in the running ladder logic program are loaded by using the file system services at **350**. At **360**, any measured data and trend data called out in the running ladder logic program is downloaded or uploaded using the file system services.

The present invention has been illustrated with respect to a programming methodology and/or industrial controller architecture and a particular example, however, it is to be appreciated that various programming methodology and/or controller architectures suitable for carrying out the present invention may be employed and are intended to fall within the scope of the hereto appended claims.

The invention has been described with reference to various aspects of the present invention. Obviously, modifications and alterations will occur to others upon reading and understanding the foregone detailed description. It is intended that the invention be construed as including all such modifications alterations, and equivalents thereof.

What is claimed is:

1. An editor, comprising:

a processor, coupled to a memory, that executes or facilitates execution of computer-executable components, comprising:

an editing component configured to, in response to receipt of an editing input, add at least one file system instruction to a control program,

wherein the at least one file system instruction is configured to, when processed by an execution engine of an industrial controller, cause the industrial controller to utilize a file system service to

load an operating system of the industrial controller based on the control program,

load, via a web service, a program routine file from a first memory that is separate from a second memory of the industrial controller to the second memory, and

from a recipe file defining two or more process parameters stored in the first memory or a third memory that is separate from the second memory, load the two or more process parameters defined by the recipe file to the second memory,

wherein execution of the program routine file by the industrial controller facilitates execution of an industrial process by the industrial controller based on the two or more process parameters.

2. The editor of claim **1**, wherein at least one of the first memory or the third memory is at least one of a flash card or a memory device networked to the industrial controller.

3. The editor of claim **1**, wherein the control program is a ladder logic program and the at least one file system instruction is a ladder logic instruction.

4. The editor of claim **1**, wherein the editing component is further configured to, in response to receipt of another editing input, add a second file system instruction to the control program, and the second file system instruction is configured to, when processed by the execution engine, cause the industrial controller to log measured data to at least one of the first memory or the third memory.

5. The editor of claim **1**, wherein the editing input comprises one or more parameter values for the file system instruction, and the one or more parameter values comprise at least one of a pointer to a source of the program routine file, a size of the program routine file, or a path to a file manager of the second memory.

6. The editor of claim **1**, wherein the computer-executable components further comprise a conversion component configured to convert at least one of the control program or the program routine file to a format executable by the execution engine.

7. The editor of claim **1**, wherein the editing input comprises one or more parameter values for the file system instruction that identify the recipe file.

8. The editor of claim **7**, wherein the one or more parameter values comprise one or more first parameter values, and wherein the file system instruction is further configured to, when the one or more first parameter values are replaced by one or more second parameter values identifying another recipe file and the file system instruction is processed by the execution engine of the industrial controller, read the other recipe file from the first memory or the third memory and load two or more other process parameters defined by the other recipe file in the second memory.

9. The editor of claim **1**, wherein the at least one file system instruction comprises more than one file system instruction.

10. The editor of claim **1**, wherein the file system instruction is configured to, when processed by the execution engine, cause the industrial controller to utilize the file system service to read the operating system file from at least one of the first memory or the third memory.

11. A method, comprising:

adding, by a control program editor comprising a processor coupled to a memory, at least one file system instruction to a control program in response to the control program editor receiving an editing input; and

in response to the control program editor receiving configuration input, configuring the at least one file system instruction to, in response to execution of the at least one file system instruction by an execution engine of an industrial controller, cause the industrial controller to utilize a file system service to

load an operating system of the industrial controller based on the control program,

load, via a web service, a program routine file stored in a second memory that is separate from a first memory of the industrial controller to the first memory, and

from a recipe file defining two or more process parameters stored in at least one of the second memory or a third memory that is separate from the first memory, load the two or more process parameters defined by the recipe file to the first memory, wherein execution of the program routine file by the industrial controller causes the industrial controller to execute an industrial process based on the two or more process parameters.

12. The method of claim **11**, wherein the editing input comprises a selection of a ladder logic instruction comprising the file system instruction.

13. The method of claim **11**, further comprising receiving another editing input that causes the control program editor to add a second file system instruction to the control program that is configured to, when processed by the execution engine of the industrial controller, cause the industrial controller to utilize the file system service to log measured data from the first memory of the industrial controller to at least one of the second memory or the third memory.

14. The method of claim **11**, wherein the configuration input comprises input that sets one or more parameter values associated with the at least one file system instruction, and the one or more parameter values comprise at least one of a pointer to a source of the program routine file, a size of the program routine file, or a path to a file manager of the second memory.

15. The method of claim **11**, wherein the configuring the at least one file system instruction comprises configuring the file system instruction to, in response to the execution of the file system instruction by the execution engine, cause the industrial controller to utilize a file system service to read the operating system file from at least one of the second memory or the third memory.

16. The method of claim **11**, wherein the adding the at least one file system instruction comprises adding more than one file system instruction.

17. A non-transitory computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions that, in response to execution, cause a system comprising a processor to perform operations, comprising:

creating a control program in response to first editing input being received; and

inserting at least one file system instruction into the control program in response to second editing input being received, wherein the at least one file system instruction is configured to, when processed by an execution engine of an industrial controller, cause the industrial controller to utilize a file system service to

load an operating system of the industrial controller based on the control program,

load, via a web service, a program routine file from a first memory that is separate from a second memory of the industrial controller to the second memory, and

from a recipe file defining two or more process parameters stored in at least one of the first memory or a third memory, load the two or more process parameters defined by the recipe file to the second memory,

wherein the second memory comprises controller memory configured to facilitate execution of the control program, and

wherein execution of the program routine file by the industrial controller causes the industrial controller to execute an industrial process based on the two or more process parameters.

18. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim **17**, wherein the creating the control program comprises creating a ladder logic program.

19. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim **17**, wherein the operations further comprise configuring one or more parameter values associated with the at least one file system instruction in response to receiving third editing input, wherein the one or more parameter values comprise at least one of a pointer to a source of the program routine file or a size of the program routine file.

20. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim **17**, wherein the first memory and the third memory are remote relative to the second memory.

21. The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim **17**, wherein the inserting the at least one file system instruction comprises inserting more than one file system instruction.

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